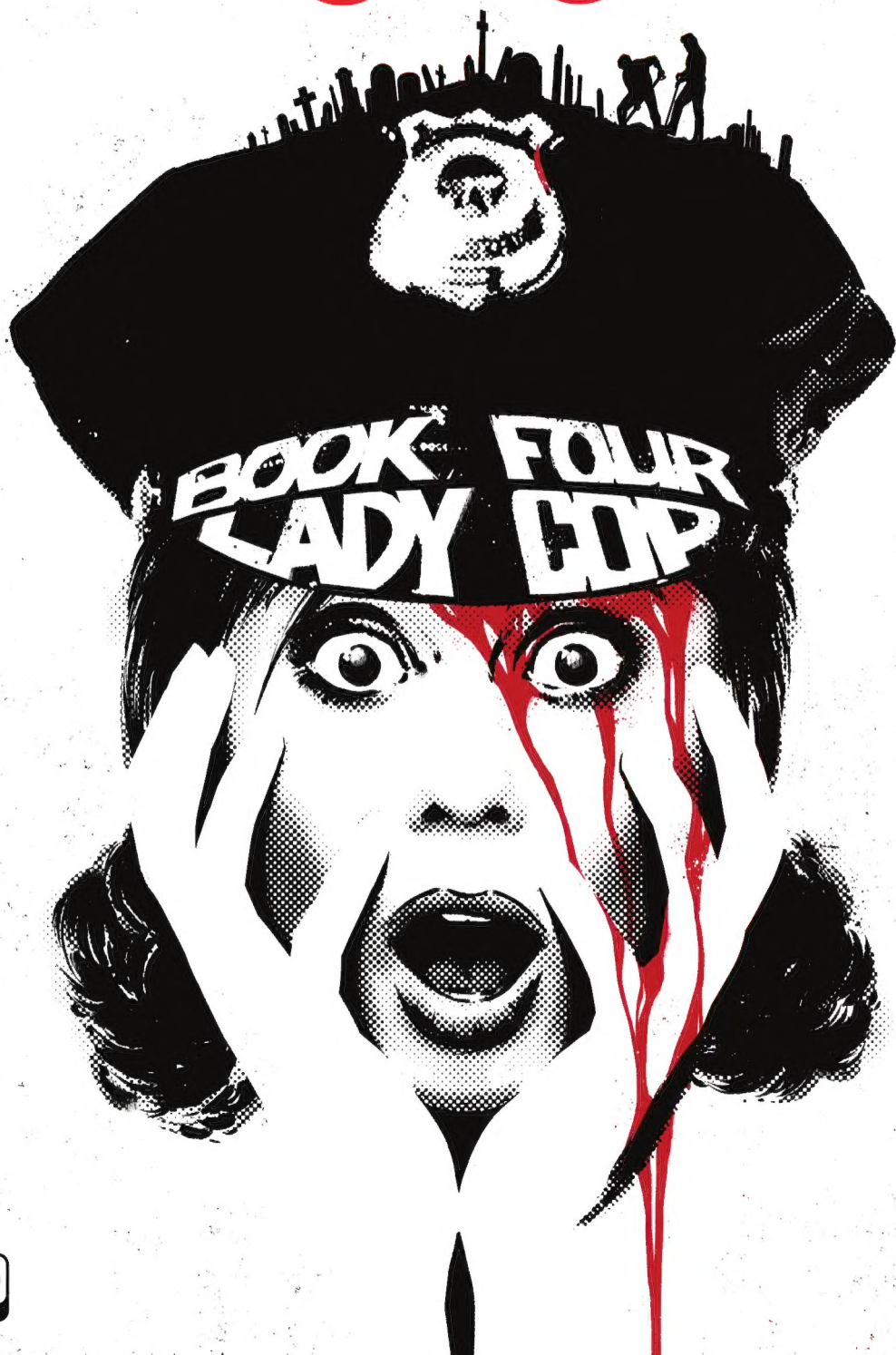




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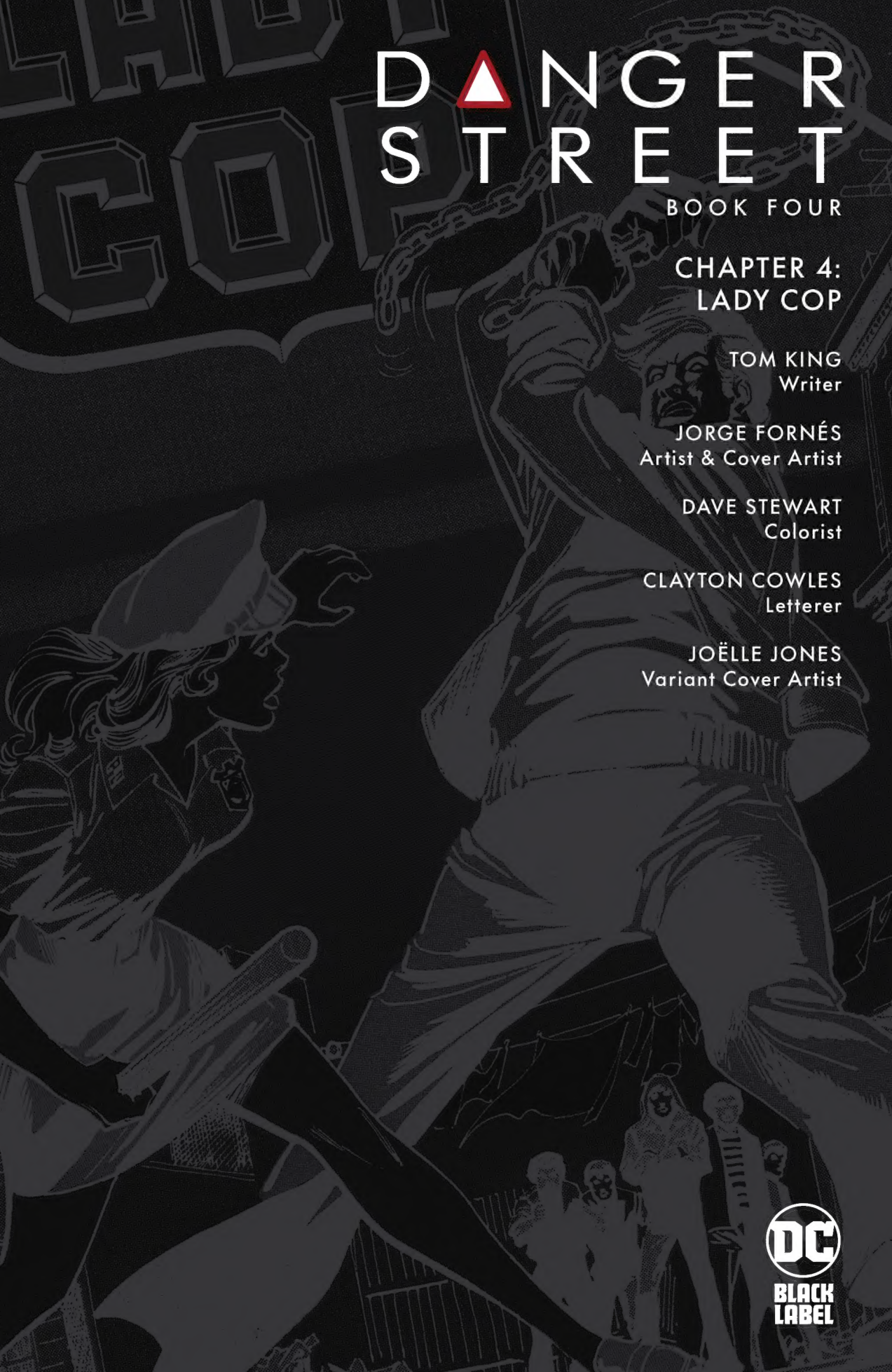
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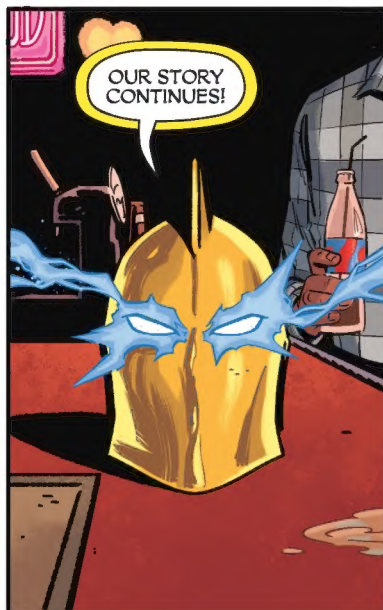
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MEANWHILE, IN THE FAR NORTH OF THE KINGDOM, A MONSTER STOOD AT THE EDGE OF A GREAT AND WILD FOREST.



FOR 75 YEARS, GOD AND AMERICA HAVE LOOKED AT *THIS* LAND AND SEEN NOTHING BUT BEAUTY.

THE FOREST, THE SNOW, THE *ANIMALS*, THE TREES.

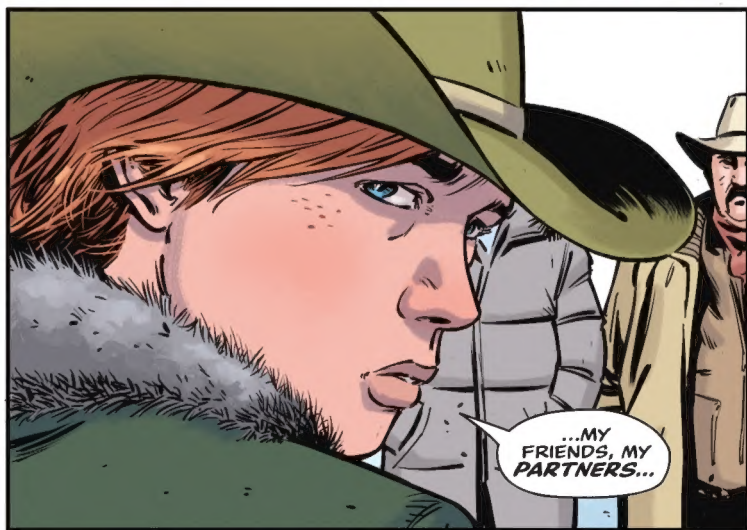
UNDISTURBED, *PERFECT*.



BUT I AM NEITHER AMERICA NOR GOD.

I AM MERELY *J.P. HOUSTON*, HUMBLE MEMBER OF THE *GREEN TEAM*.

AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT I SEE?



...MY FRIENDS, MY *PARTNERS*...



...I SEE ONLY *MONEY*.















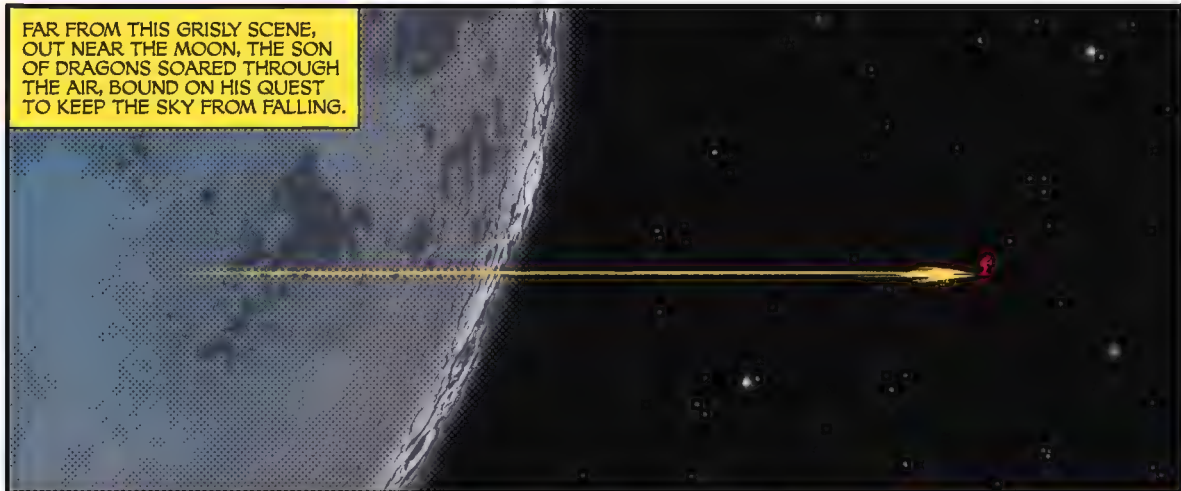




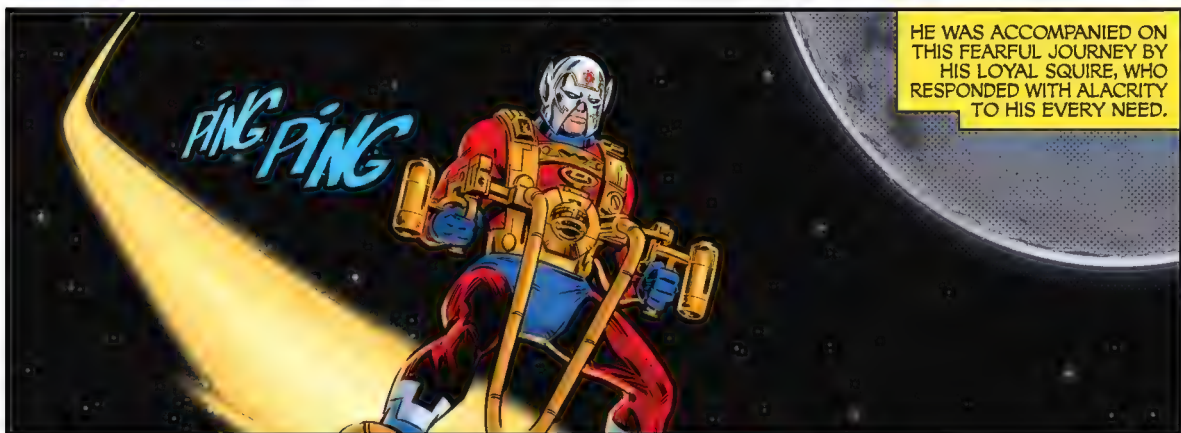




FAR FROM THIS GRISLY SCENE,  
OUT NEAR THE MOON, THE SON  
OF DRAGONS SOARED THROUGH  
THE AIR, BOUND ON HIS QUEST  
TO KEEP THE SKY FROM FALLING.



HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON  
THIS FEARFUL JOURNEY BY  
HIS LOYAL SQUIRE, WHO  
RESPONDED WITH ALACRITY  
TO HIS EVERY NEED.



YOUR REQUESTED  
ENERGY SIGNATURE HAS  
NOW BEEN LOCATED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
DIRECTIONS TO THE  
SIGNATURE, YOU CAN  
JUST SAY "PROCEED."



YES,  
MOTHER  
BOX?



PROCEED.







*ROUTING.*

*ROUTING.*

*ROUTING.*

*GREAT. WE'RE  
READY TO ROLL.  
FLY SAFE.*

*IN 13,736  
MILES, MAKE A  
LEFT TURN.*



FAR BELOW OUR SON OF DRAGONS,  
THE FAIR PRINCESS PREPARED  
HERSELF FOR BATTLES TO COME.

SHOULDN'T  
WE CALL  
**SUPERMAN?**

REMEMBER WHEN WE  
GOT THAT PAMPHLET  
WHEN WE WERE DOWN  
IN SACRAMENTO?

"WHAT TO  
DO IF YOU  
ENCOUNTER  
A SUPER-  
VILLAIN."

I THINK  
THERE'S A  
**NUMBER**  
IN THERE.

AND I'M  
PRETTY SURE  
I'VE STILL GOT ONE  
AT HOME. I TOOK IT  
TO SHOW JOAN. SHE  
PUT IT SOMEWHERE,  
I THINK.

I REMEMBER  
HER SAYING, "WHEN  
ARE YOU GOING TO  
SEE THAT HERE?!"  
WE'RE TOO LITTLE  
FOR ALL THAT."

SHE WAS  
TEASING.

BUT LOOK  
AT US NOW!  
WE'RE READY FOR  
**PRIME TIME**,  
I GUESS.

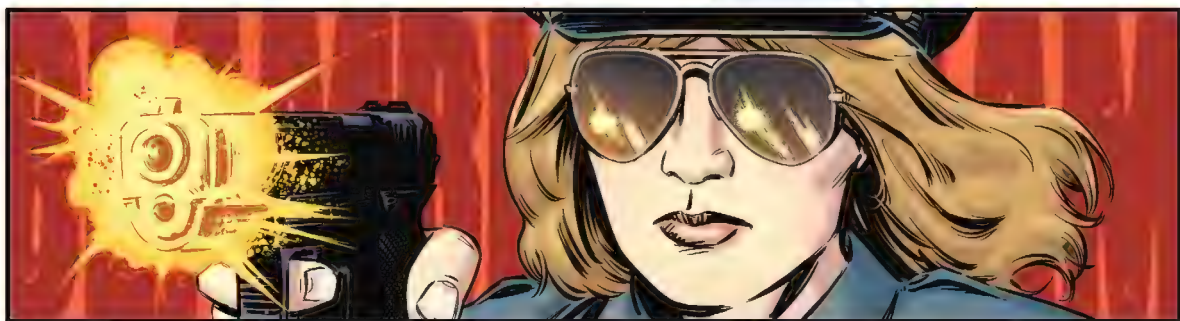
LIKE ON  
THAT SHOW,  
RIGHT?

WON'T JOAN  
FEEL **EMBARRASSED**  
ABOUT TEASING?

SO, LIKE, SHOULD  
I **GET** IT?

TO CALL...  
SUPERMAN? I  
DON'T HAVE TO.  
IF YOU DON'T  
WANT.











AS THE PRINCESS HINTED AT HER SAD ORIGINS, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE KINGDOM, EVIL REIGNED.



AND THERE WAS, TRAGICALLY, NO HOPE TO BE FOUND.



HOWEVER.



EVEN IN LANDS WITHOUT HOPE.



...ONE OCCASIONALLY STUMBLES UPON AN OGRE.













AND FAR BELOW THE GROUNDS OF THE KINGDOM SAT A LORD OF HIGH VIRTUE AND HONOR.

YOU ARE TO BE  
**COMMEDED.**

AND THERE TOO  
WAS HIS DEVOTED  
KNIGHT.

THE  
HUNT IS NOT  
DONE.

NO, IT IS  
NOT.

BUT  
THAT DOES NOT  
MEAN YOU CANNOT  
FEEL JOY, MY  
SON.

WE  
ARE GETTING  
**CLOSER.**

IF JOY  
WAS PART  
OF THE HUNT, I  
WOULD FEEL  
JOY.

JESUS.

GET OFF  
YOUR GODDAMN  
KNEES, CHILD.





AND  
TAKE OFF THE  
MASK.



WE WERE  
FORMED FOR  
*THIS* MOMENT,  
FORGED  
FOR IT.

YOU CARRY  
WITH YOU THE LEGACY  
OF *THOUSANDS* OF  
MANHUNTERS.



WHICH IS  
TO SAY, YOU  
DID *WELL*.

I AM  
*PROUD*  
OF YOU,  
MARK.



I...



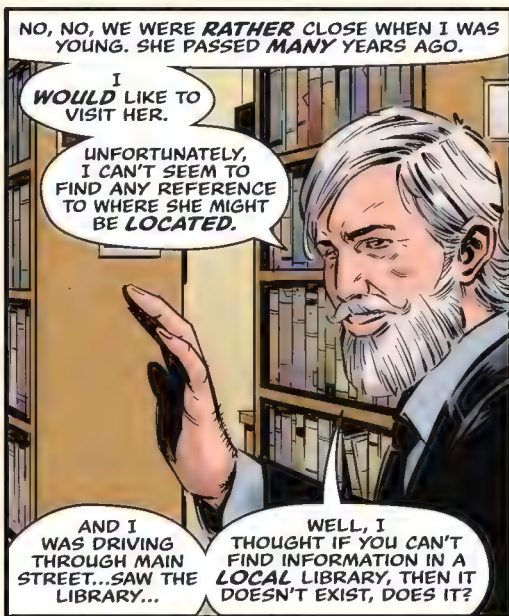
THANK YOU,  
GRANDMASTER.

THANK  
YOU...

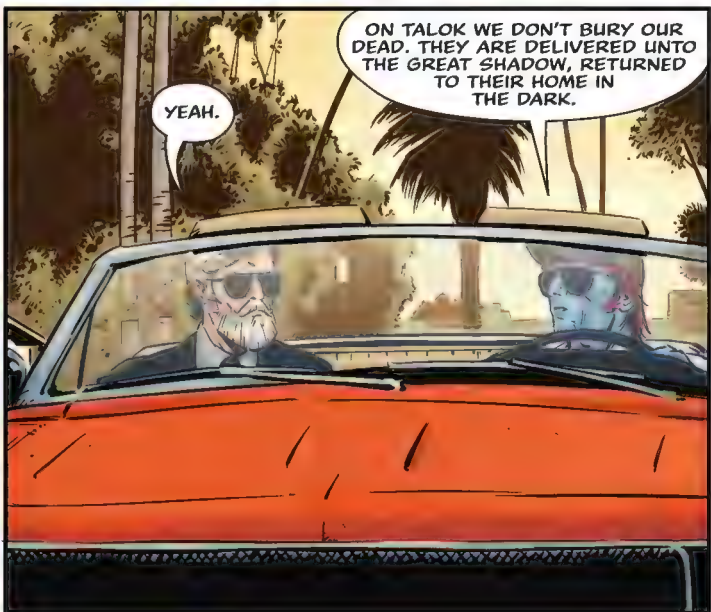
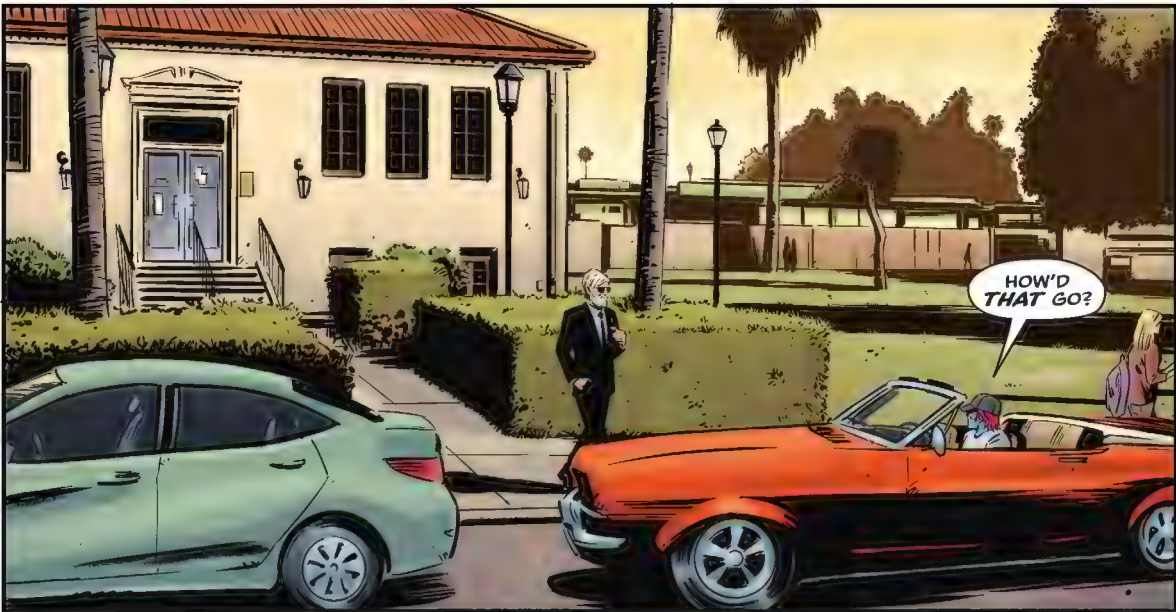
...FATHER.



LATER, AT THE SAME ORACLE OUR YOUNG LADS HAD EARLIER CONSULTED, A PRINCE GRACIOUSLY ADDRESSED A TALENTED SEER.









FAR FROM THE PRINCES' TALK, A MONSTER EYED ITS PREY.

...LOOK, I TALKED WITH **STACY**, I HEARD WHAT **SHE** SAID, BUT I FELT I HAD TO TALK WITH YOU. I HATE GOING **ABOVE** HER...

...BUT I THOUGHT MAYBE **YOU** DIDN'T KNOW THE WHOLE **SITUATION**. I HAVE...**SOURCES** THAT WERE THERE, OR WITNESSES.

THIS MAN WHO ATTACKED THIS...THERE'S NO **REAL** EVIDENCE THAT THIS...THAT THE GUY HE ATTACKED IS AN **OUTSIDER**. THAT'S JUST WHAT THE OTHER GUY **SAID**.

DID YOU READ **STACY'S** MEMO ON THE **TALKING POINTS**?

MR. RAFT WAS DOING HIS DUTY, STOPPING A THREAT, AND HE WAS BEATEN BY A **CRIMINAL** SUPER-HERO FOR THAT ACTION.

THAT'S THE STORY.

THAT IS **WHAT** I'M TALKING ABOUT. I CAN'T GO ON THE AIR AND SAY THIS MAN WHO...WHO ALMOST **KILLED** SOMEONE IS A HERO...

I JUST DON'T SEE ENOUGH **JOURNALISTIC** EVIDENCE HERE.

JACK...

COME HERE.

LOOK, IF THIS IS--

I'VE GOT A TALK WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN **EIGHT** MINUTES, JACK.

STOP WASTING MY TIME AND GET OVER HERE.





OKAY.



NOW BEND DOWN, JUST SO I CAN TALK TO YOU EYE-TO EYE.

PLEASE.

YOU'RE SO HANDSOMELY TALL.



GOOD, GOOD, THAT'S PERFECT.



THANK YOU. REALLY.



HOW @!\$% DARE YOU?!

SLACK!



MY BROTHER DIED YESTERDAY!

AND YOU WANT ME TO WASTE TIME ON THIS @!\$%#?!

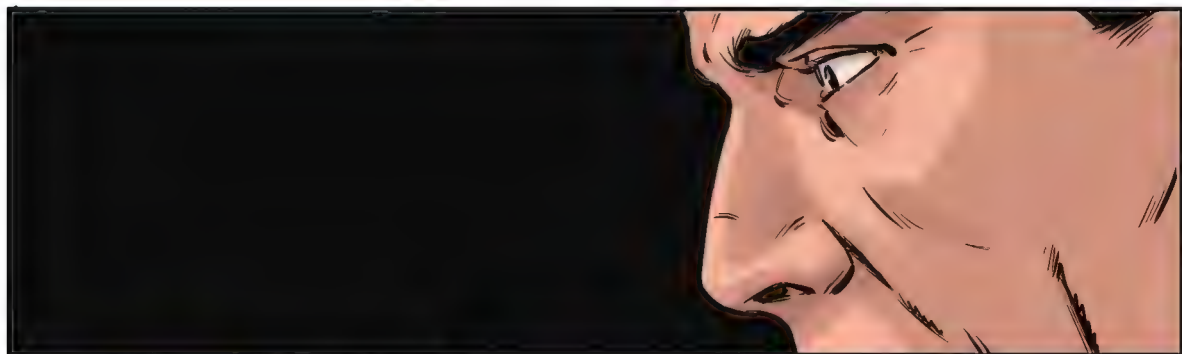


GET THE @!\$% OUT OF MY OFFICE AND READ YOUR @!\$%# POINTS!

ONE OTHER \$!\$ WORD! ONE WORD! AND YOU'LL BE @!\$% LOST SOMEWHERE IN THIS @!\$%# COUNTRY!

FROM NOTHING TO @!\$% NOTHING!







AS THE MONSTER QUIETED ITS YELP,  
THE SON OF DRAGONS DREW EVER  
NEARER TO THE TREASURE HE SOUGHT.

STILL AIDED IN THIS  
CRUSADE BY HIS WISE  
AND DILIGENT SQUIRE.

IN 73 MILES,  
MAKE A LEFT AT  
THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA.



IN THE LAND JUST AHEAD OF THE SON OF DRAGONS,  
ONE OF OUR DUTIFUL LADS FED HIMSELF ON FRUIT  
AS HE WALKED A FAMILIAR PATH.



HE DID NOT YET KNOW THAT WAITING  
ALONG THAT VERY SAME PATH WAS  
ONE OF OUR NOBLE PRINCES.



BUT THIS DISCOVERY WAS  
SOON ENOUGH MADE.



AND THUS, THE TRAGIC  
DESTINY THAT AWAITED SO  
MANY OF OUR HEROES WAS  
SET IN STONE.



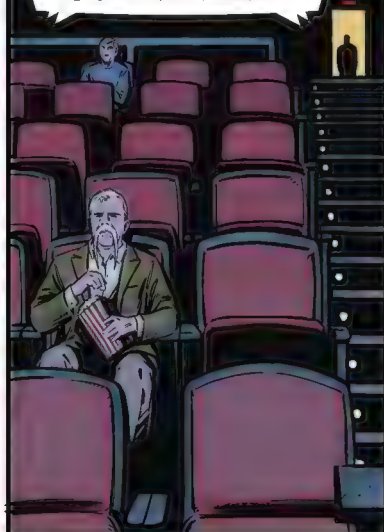




HE WAS COMFORTABLE  
IN HIS REVELRY.

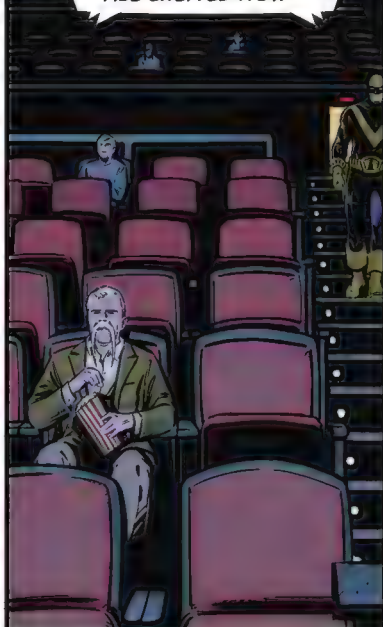
EVEN THAT'S A  
LIE. SHE DIDN'T  
KNOW YOU  
WERE ALIVE.

WHY--THERE ARE THINGS  
BETWEEN DAISY AND ME  
THAT YOU'LL NEVER KNOW,  
THINGS THAT NEITHER OF  
US CAN EVER FORGET.



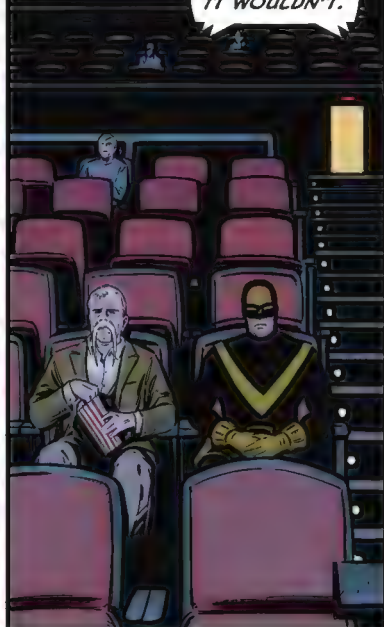
BUT THAT COMFORT WAS SOON  
DISTURBED WHEN A KNIGHT NOT  
LOYAL TO THIS PARTICULAR LORD  
MADE AN APPEARANCE AT THE  
THEATER.

I WANT TO SPEAK  
TO DAISY ALONE. SHE'S  
ALL EXCITED NOW--



EVEN ALONE I CAN'T SAY  
I NEVER LOVED TOM. IT  
WOULDN'T BE TRUE.

OF COURSE  
IT WOULDN'T.



AS IF IT  
MATTERED  
TO YOU.

OF COURSE IT  
MATTERS. I'M GOING  
TO TAKE BETTER  
CARE OF YOU FROM  
NOW ON.

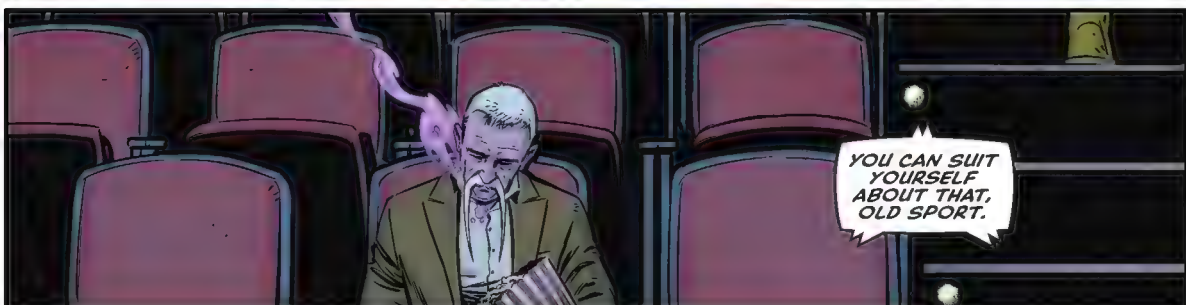
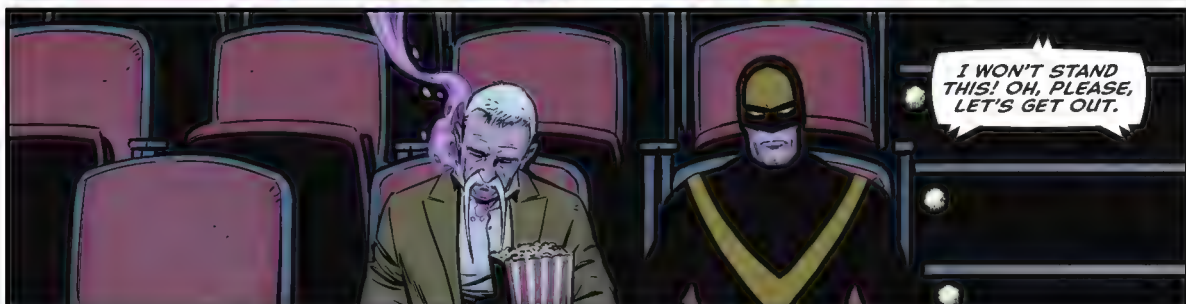


I'M  
NOT? WHY'S  
THAT?

DAISY'S  
LEAVING  
YOU.









BACK NORTH, IN THE DRY HEAT OF THE DESERT SUN, OUR TWO PRINCES DUG FURTHER INTO THE GRAVE OF ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL LADS.

REMEMBER WHEN THIS WAS ALL TO JOIN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE?

WE WERE GOING TO BE THE **BEST** HEROES EVER.

THEY TALKED OF OLD TIMES AND NEW.

I WAS GOING TO FIGHT RIGHT NEXT TO **WONDER WOMAN**.

YOU KNOW, WAY OUT THERE, **WHATEVER** GALAXY YOU'RE GOING THROUGH, EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT **WONDER WOMAN**.

SHE WAS **ALWAYS** MY FAVORITE, AND I WAS GOING TO TELL HER.

REGRETS THAT HAUNTED THEM.

I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THAT, ABOUT **LOSING** THAT. WHY IS THAT **IMPORTANT** TO ME? IT SHOULDN'T BE. I'M NOT A CHILD.

BUT I SEE HER AND ME AND WE'RE **PERFECT** TOGETHER. WE'RE LAUGHING.

DREAMS THAT CLUNG TO THEM.

I WOULD'VE LIKED TO HAVE HELD HER **LASSO**. IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK OF LIFE?

CAN'T YOU JUST **LIVE** AND HOLD A LASSO?

STAR...

AT THE PING, YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION.

THE MANY CRUEL VICISSITUDES INHERENT TO THE LIFE OF THE ROYAL.

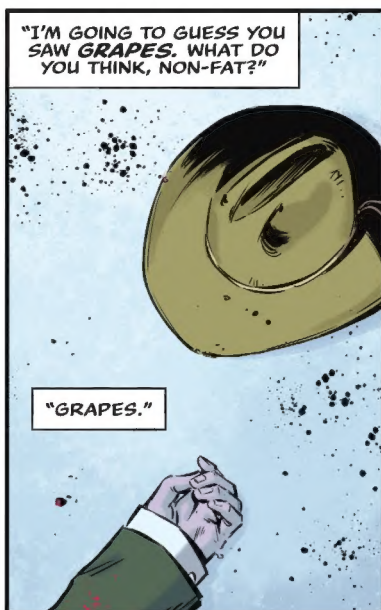
PING

SEE, TRAVIS, THIS IS **JUST** WHAT I WAS SAYING. WHY CAN'T ANYTHING BE **GOOD** ANYMORE?





GUYS! GUYS! I HAD SOME **GRAPES** AND WAS WALKING AND YOU KNOW WHAT I **SAW?!**



"I'M GOING TO GUESS YOU SAW **GRAPES**. WHAT DO YOU THINK, NON-FAT?"

"GRAPES."



"NO, I SAW A **CAR** PARKED OUTSIDE JOE'S!"



"A **CAR!** HOW MANY WHEELS DID IT HAVE?!! IF YOU SAY **FOUR**, I'M GOING TO **FREAK** THE **€\$f#@** ALL THE WAY OUT!"

HEROIC MAN FIGHTS OUTSIDER AND IS SENT TO HOSPITAL BY SO-CALLED SUPERHERO



"NO, THERE WAS A DUDE **IN** THE **CAR!**"



"A DUDE IN A **CAR?!** WE HAVE OUR **SCREEN-PLAY!** I'LL CALL THE **STAR-MAKER!**"



"NO, IT'S...I SAW A MAN, **LISTEN...**



"THE DUDE...HE WAS THE **STAR MAN!**"



AH, AND SO OUR THREE LADS KNOW THE GOOD PRINCE, THE KILLER OF THEIR FINE FRIEND, IS NEARBY.

WILL THEY TRY TO SEEK HIM OUT AND WILL THEY FIND THE PRINCES, **OR** WILL THEY FIND JUST THE SON OF DRAGONS AND A FEW MORE **DEAD MEN?**

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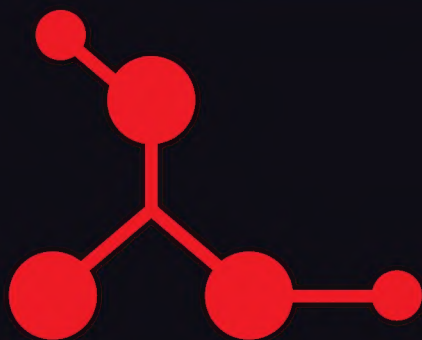


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